24th March 1934]

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" There are a number of untrained men employed as teachers, and they can get the necessary training."

Amendment to rule 138 *of the Madras Educational Rules.*

* 862 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has given retrospective effect to the amendment to rule 138 of the Madras Educational Rules;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a large number of applications pending in the office of the Commissioner of Examinations have been returned to the candidates asking them to appear for the examination as per amended rule though they had completed the literary course and obtained the certificate of the Deputy Inspector of Schools; and

(*c*) whether representations have been received protesting against the decision of the Director of Public Instruction for giving retrospective effect to the amended rule and if so, what the orders of Government have been on such representations?

A.—(*a*) All applications for conversion of lower elementary trained certificates into those of the higher elementary grade which had not been disposed of before the date (4th September 1933) of the Government Order amending rule 138 have been treated as coming under the amended rule.

(*b*) Eighty-four applications received prior to 4th September, the date on which the rule was amended, were returned.

(*c*) Yes; the Government have declined to interfere.

Refusal of admission to students of the Presidency College into the Victoria Hostel.

* 863 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the strength has been of the Victoria Hostel, Madras, in each year since 1925–26;

(*b*) what the strength is in the current year;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the students, especially first and third year students of the Presidency College, Madras, are refused admission;

(*d*) if so, what it is due to;

(*e*) whether the Presidency College has got a separate hostel called Presidency College Hostel;

(*f*) what the strength is of that hostel in each year since 1925–26;